

HOUSE RESOLUTION 11 of the First Extraordinary Session
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. John Strother Gaines of King
College on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those citizens who in their years of work have performed their duties with extraordinary dedication, diligence and devotion; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John S. Gaines is one such outstanding citizen who has served as a model educator for 30 years at King College in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, John Gaines is more than just an exemplary teacher, he is also a positive role model for his students, as well as his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, he received his B.A. degree in Political Science from Occidental College in 1954; he also completed graduate work in Education, English and History during the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, he then furthered his studies by attaining his Master's degree in Administration-Social Studies from California State University in Northridge in 1964; he received his Ed.D. from the University of Southern California in the Foundations of Education in 1971; and

WHEREAS, from 1955 through 1957, John Gaines served proudly in the United States Army and was stationed at Ft. Ord, California; Ft. Lewis, Washington; Seoul Army Post, South Korea; and Oakland Army Terminal in California; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gaines has co-authored *The Golden State: A History of California* and *Government in the Golden State*; and

WHEREAS, he has astutely served as President of the State of Franklin Council for Social Studies, and as a valued member of the Tennessee Council for the Social Studies and the National Committee on Racism and Social Justice; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary educator has encouraged students and colleagues in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gaines has admirably served as King College's Director of Placement, Director of Internships, Director of Summer Programs, Golf Coach, and Coordinator of Federal Grants; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure at King College, Dr. Gaines has served with distinction as a Professor, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty, Director of Teacher Education, Division Chair, Education Department Chair, and he has also Co-Chaired the American Studies Department; and

WHEREAS, he has served with zeal and acuity as a member of the Tennessee Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, Phi Delta Kappa, and the Dean's Council (SACS); and

WHEREAS, he has chaired many educational and community organizations and projects, including the Community Development Advisory Committee; the Better Schools Task Force in Bristol, Tennessee; the Sullivan County School Consolidation Commission and Bristol Schools 2000; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John S. Gaines has served with distinction as President of the Sullivan County Historical Society, the Bristol Public Library Board of Trustees and the Bristol Tennessee City Schools Foundation; and

WHEREAS, he has been very active in the Bristol community; he has adroitly served his fellow citizens as Vice-Mayor for 3 terms, as Mayor for four terms and as a member of the Bristol, Tennessee City Council; and

WHEREAS, he is a devout member of the First Baptist Church of Bristol, Virginia, where he serves as Deacon; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gaines is most appreciative of the love and support that he receives from his wife, Thelma Dowling Gaines, and their two successful daughters, Jennifer Gaines Kidder and Susannah Gaines McCroskey; and

WHEREAS, it is important that Dr. Gaines be recognized for his devotion to his students and King College during his years of meritorious service to higher education as a whole; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Dr. John Strother Gaines our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.